

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image forming apparatus comprising:
a movable member;
a roller contacted to said movable member,
5 said roller having an elastic layer contacted
to said movable member,
said elastic layer having an ion
electroconductivity and having a hardness of not less
than 20° and not more than 50°, wherein the hardness
10 and a density of said elastic layer satisfy (hardness
/ density) \geq 65,
wherein the hardness is an Asker-C hardness
of a material of said elastic layer cut out into a
thickness of 4.0 mm under a weight of 500g applied to
15 the material.
2. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein
said movable member is an image bearing member.
- 20 3. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein
said movable member is a transfer material.
4. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein
said movable member is a transfer member for carrying
25 a transfer material.
5. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein

said roller electrically charges said movable member.

6. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein a
surface said roller contacted to said movable member
5 has been abraded.

7. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein
said elastic layer does not exhibit a bridging density
change by illumination with ultraviolet radiation.
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8. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein
said elastic layer has been produced using a thiuram
type vulcanization promoter.

9. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein
said elastic layer uses azodicarbonamide in foaming
process.
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10. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein
said elastic layer comprises epichlorohydrin-ethylene
oxide rubber as a main material.
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11. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein
said elastic layer comprises acrylonitrile butadiene
rubber as a main material.
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12. A roller contactable to a movable member,

comprising:

an elastic layer provided on a surface layer;
said elastic layer having an ion
electroconductivity and having a hardness of not less
5 than 20⁰ and not more than 50⁰, wherein the hardness
and a density of said elastic layer satisfy (hardness
/ density) \geq 65,

wherein the hardness is an Asker-C hardness
of a material of said elastic layer cut out into a
10 thickness of 4.0 mm under a weight of 500g applied to
the material.

13. An apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein
said movable member is an image bearing member.

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14. An apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein
said movable member is a transfer material.

15. An apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein
20 said roller electrically charges said movable member.

16. An apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein
said movable member is a transfer member for carrying
a transfer material.

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17. An apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein a
surface said roller contacted to said movable member

has been abraded.

18. An apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein
said elastic layer does not exhibit a bridging density
5 change by illumination with ultraviolet radiation.

19. An apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein
said elastic layer has been produced using a thiuram
vulcanization promoter.

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20. An apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein
said elastic layer uses azodicarbonamide in foaming
process.

15 21. An apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein
said elastic layer comprises epichlorohydrin-ethylene
oxide rubber as a main material.

22. An apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein
20 said elastic layer comprises acrylonitrile butadiene
rubber as a main material.

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